



## 2014 ARNEIS

*Arneis originates* from the hills of Roero, northwest of Alba in the Piedmont region of Italy from where Edoardo Seghesio emigrated in 1886. Noted in Italian records as far back as 1478, Arneis' production grew as it was often planted among rows of Nebbiolo to lure hungry birds from the more prized red grapes. Arneis translates to "little rascal," due to the challenges it presents in the vineyard because of its thin skins and tight clusters. For some time, Seghesio had the largest planting of Arneis in the U.S., all of 26 vines. Today, we have about 20 acres on our Keyhole Ranch, where the cool climate produces highly expressive Arneis.



### VINEYARDS

Estate-owned Keyhole Ranch in Russian River Valley

### VINTAGE

2014 was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Northern California. Rain in late-March paved the way for available water through budbreak and bloom, but sustained warm weather coupled with depleted water reserves culminated with a slightly early, furiously paced compact harvest that was completed before the end of September.

### VINEYARD REGIMEN

Our crews adjusted canopy density, removing leaves several times during the season to achieve optimum sunlight. A green harvest to remove fruit on weak shoots and stacked clusters was completed. Veraison thinning was performed to remove unevenly ripened clusters and to help tighten uniformity of the crop.

### FERMENTATION REGIMEN

Whole-cluster pressed and 100% stainless steel tank fermented to showcase the wine's crisp acidity and bright varietal fruit aromas.

### FOOD AFFINITIES

Mild cheeses, fruit-accented salads (particularly grilled peaches), sushi, risotto, seafood, and Thai or Indian cuisines

### TASTING NOTES

Mineral and dusty nuances are enhanced with crisp and floral aromas

Complex and full-bodied, with notes of pear and dried apricot

Crisp acidity elevates fruit profile

### HAND-HARVESTED

September 17, 2014

### AVERAGE BRIX AT HARVEST

22.9°

### BARREL REGIMEN

None

### CASE PRODUCTION

1,900

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Arneis

### ALCOHOL

13.3%

### RELEASE DATE

June 2015

### PRICE

\$22

